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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the communication filed on April 2, 2001. Claims 1-21 are currently pending in this application.

Priority

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on August 31, 2001 and September 17, 2001 are being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al (US Patent 5,948,040) (hereinafter referred to as DeLorme).

Referring to Claim 1:

DeLorme discloses a travel information providing center for providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

a memory that stores information on registered members (Fig. 4 (411) Fig. 8a (806),

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an input/output interface that receives a member ID from a user terminal (Fig. 1a (111) , col. 34, lines 26-36, col. 36, lines 57-63, ; and

a controller coupled to the memory and the interface, and that confirms the registered member based on the received member ID and prepares travel information based on the information regarding the registered member stored in the memory upon confirmation that the member is registered (col. 34, lines 26-36, col. 6, lines 8-46).

Referring to Claim 2:

Delorme discloses a center wherein:

the information on the member stored in the memory is the information on a home of the member (col. 10, line 59-col. 11, line 2, col. 17, lines 44-61), and the home of the member is set as a starting point on a route prepared by the controller as part of the track information (col. 10, line 59 thru col. 11, line 2, col. 17, lines 44-61, col. 22, lines 38-61).

Referring to Claim 3:

DeLorme discloses a center wherein the input/output interface receives key information for specifying information requested by the member from the user terminal, and the controller prepares the travel information based on the key information (Fig. 1a, col. 6, lines 8-46).

Referring to claim 4:

DeLorme discloses a center wherein the key information is information on accommodation facilities; and

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the controller selects accommodation facilities as part of the travel information to be provided, based on the member information stored in the memory (col. 8, lines 33-48).

Referring to Claim 5:

DeLorme discloses a center wherein the key information is information on tourist facilities and the controller selects tourist facilities as part of the travel information to be provided, based on the member information stored in the memory (col. 8, lines 33-48).

Referring to Claim 6:

DeLorme discloses a center wherein the input/output interface receives a destination of the user input through the user terminal (Fig. 1a), and the controller prepares information on a route from a starting point to the destination as part of the travel information to be provided (col. 6, lines 8-46, col. 10, line 59 thru col. 11, line 2).

Referring to Claim 7:

DeLorme discloses a center wherein the information on the route includes at least one of information on the entire route and information on particular areas along the route (col. 6, lines 8-46, col. 9, lines 3-18).

Referring to Claim: 8

DeLorme discloses a center wherein the controller prepares, upon confirmation that the member is registered, the travel information so as to include route information and information on the locations of service providing facilities which are adjacent to the route and which are exclusively available to the member who has been identified based on the

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member information stored in the memory (Fig. 2, Register Now, Fig. 6, fig. 8A, Fig. 8B, Fig. 9A, col. 21, lines 27-52, col. 22, lines 38-61, col. 34, lines 24-36).

Referring to Claim 9:

DeLorme discloses the center further comprising:

a terminal that displays the travel information (Fig. 1a (111 and 121, Fig. 9B (907))

Referring to Claim 10:

DeLorme discloses a center further comprising:

a medium that stores the travel information: and

a terminal that reads the travel information stored on the medium and displays the travel information (col. 13, line 31 thru col. 17, line 13).

Referring to Claim 11:

DeLorme discloses a travel information providing center for providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

a memory that stores information on the locations of information

providing terminals installed at various locations (Fig. 1A, col. 14, line 43 thru col. 15, line 32, Fig. 3, Figs. 8A-8B),

a input/output interface that receives a member ID (Fig. 1a (111); and

a controller coupled to the memory and the interface, and that confirms

a registered member based on the received member and provides route

information as travel information to be provided to a user upon confirmation that the

member is registered and provides information on locations of the information

providing terminals which are installed adjacent to the route and which are stored in

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the memory (Fig. 4, Fig. 8A, col. 6, lines 8-46, col. 34, lines 26-36)

Referring to Claim 12:

DeLorme discloses a center wherein:

the controller provides information on the location of the information

providing terminal that sent the member ID received by the input/output interface (Fig. 9A).

Referring to Claim 13:

DeLorme discloses an information providing terminal comprising:

an input device through which a user inputs a member ID of the user (Fig. 1a (111), Fig. 9a);

and

a controller that provides detailed information on a vicinity of the

information providing terminal upon confirmation that the user is a registered member

based on the input member ID (Fig. 4, Figs. 8A-8B, Fig. 9A).

Referring to Claim 14:

DeLorme discloses an information providing terminal wherein:

the information provided by the controller includes at least one of

information on the location of the information providing terminal and information on

the vicinity of the information providing terminal (Fig. 9A).

Referring to Claim 15:

DeLorme discloses an information providing terminal comprising

an input device through which a user inputs a destination (Fig. 1A and Fig. 9A),

a controller that provides route information on a route to the

destination in response to the input of the destination, and prepares a junction

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guidance map showing junctions requiring guidance from the route information; and
a printer Fig. 1a (121) that prints the prepared junction guidance map (col. 6, lines 41-42, col. 8, lines 55-62, col. 9, lines 49-64, col. 13, lines 31-38, col. 16, lines 18-31, Figs. 1B1-1C).

Referring to Claim 16:

DeLorme discloses a terminal wherein the printer is located in a store and issues receipts when selling articles (col. 13, lines 31-38, col. 14, line 19-col. 16, line 31),
the printer also output the junction guidance map(Fig. 1A (109)).

Referring to Claim 17:

DeLorme discloses a terminal wherein:

the printer is a roll-paper printer and

the printer can sequentially print the junction guidance maps in the
longitudinal direction of a roll paper (Fig. 1A (121)(109), col. 15, line 32 thru col. 16, line 31).

Referring to Claim 18:

DeLorme discloses a travel information providing system comprising:

a terminal through which a user inputs a member ID (Fig. 1a (111)); and

a center having a memory that stores information on registered

members and a controller that provides a registered member with travel information

based on the member information stored in the memory if it is determined from the

member m input through the terminal that the user is a registered member, wherein

the terminal displays the travel information provided by the center (Fig. 8A, col. 6, lines 8-46,
col. 34 lines 26-36).

Referring to Claim 19:

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DeLorme discloses a method of providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

storing information on registered members (Fig. 8B (806))

receiving a member ID through an input/output interface from a user terminal (Fig. 1a (111), col. 34, lines 24-36, Fig. 3);

confirming through a controller that the user is a registered member with a valid member ID (Col. 34, lines 26-36), and

preparing travel information based on the information regarding the registered member stored in the memory upon confirmation that the member is registered (Col. 9, lines 3-18, col. 17, lines 14-43).

Referring to Claim 20:

DeLorme discloses a method of providing travel information comprising storing information on the locations of information providing

terminals installed at various locations (col. 13, line 30 thru col. 16, line 31)

receiving a member ID through an input/output interface (Fig. 3, Fig. 8A, col. 34, lines 26-36);

confirming a registered member based on the member ID (col. 34, lines 26-36),

providing route information as travel information to a user upon

confirmation of the registered member (col. 6, lines 8-46 col. 15, line 14 thru col. 16, line 59);

and

providing information on the locations of the information providing

terminals which are installed adjacent to the route (col. 6, lines 8-46, col. 14, line 66 thru col. 16, line 59).

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Referring to Claim 21:

DeLorme discloses method of providing travel information comprising:

inputting a member ID through a terminal (col. 34, lines 26-36);

storing information in a center on registered members (Fig. 8A (806)

providing a registered member with travel information based on the

member information stored in the memory if it is determined from the member ID input through

the terminal that the user is a registered member (Col. 6, lines 8-46), and

displaying the travel information provided by the center (Fig. 1A, col. 9, lines 49-64).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

www.mapquest.com discloses a free membership which provides products and services along with a travel guide, driving directions and maps.

Rostan et al discloses a navigation guide for a vehicle with a user data input.

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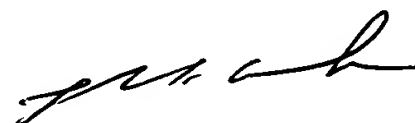
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jan Mooneyham whose telephone number is (703) 305-8554. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (703) 308-2702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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